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SUBJECT: WB/G SITREP: PALESTINIAN YOUTH WOUNDED BY IDF  
GUNFIRE IN ROCK-THROWING CLASH IN WEST BANK; SHOOTING  
INCIDENTS, BUT NO INJURIES IN GAZA STRIP. FEBRUARY 3, 2005  
(1500 HOURS LOCAL)

1. (SBU) Summary: In the West Bank, a Palestinian was shot and wounded by IDF soldiers during stone-throwing skirmishes near the village of Burqa south of Jenin. Two Palestinian youths were injured during stone-throwing clashes with the IDF in Nablus. Four Palestinians were arrested in various areas of the West Bank. The IDF lifted the closure of the village of Saida near Tulkarm. In the Gaza Strip, the IDF reported that Palestinian militants engaged in three instances of shooting at IDF soldiers and Israeli settlers throughout the Gaza Strip. UNRWA reported that IDF soldiers engaged in sporadic fire inside the Rafah refugee camp throughout the day February 3. No injuries have been reported from these incidents. End Summary.

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West Bank  
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2. (SBU) ATTACKS/SECURITY:

-- Deaths: Nil

-- Injuries: According to Palestinian sources, a Palestinian student was shot and wounded by IDF soldiers during stone-throwing skirmishes near the village of Burqa south of Jenin on February 2.

-- Injuries: According to Israeli and Palestinian media, two Palestinian youths were injured during stone-throwing clashes with the IDF in Nablus on February 2.

-- Arrests: According to Palestinian reports, three Palestinians, including one Popular Front for Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) member, were arrested by the IDF in Nablus on February 2.

-- Arrests: According to Palestinian media, the IDF arrested a wanted Islamic Jihad militant near Qalqiliya on February 2.

3. (SBU) CLOSURES/CURFEWS:

-- According to Palestinian sources, the IDF left the village of Saida near Tulkarm on February 2 concluding a nine-day operation in the village.

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Gaza Strip  
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4. (SBU) ATTACKS/SECURITY:

-- Deaths: Nil.

-- Injuries: Nil.

-- Shootings: The IDF reported that Palestinian militants engaged in three instances of shooting at IDF soldiers and Israeli settlers throughout the Gaza Strip February 2-3. No injuries were reported.

-- Shootings: UNRWA reported that IDF soldiers engaged in sporadic fire inside the Rafah refugee camp throughout the day February 3. No injuries were reported.

-- Explosives: The IDF reported that IDF soldiers safely confiscated three Palestinian-made explosive devices near an IDF outpost close to the Rafah refugee camp February 2-3.

5. (SBU) CHECKPOINTS AND CROSSINGS:

-- Erez crossing was closed to Palestinians, but open to diplomats and internationals on February 3.

-- Erez Industrial Zone was closed February 3.

-- Route 4 (Salahadeen Road) was open with a detour at Abu Kholi February 3.

-- Rafah Terminal was open for arrivals, and open for departures with the limitation that Palestinian males must be over the age of 35 and have a foreign residence or be traveling on a medical emergency on February 3.

-- Tel al-Sultan checkpoint was closed, and Tufa checkpoint was open for residents of Al-Massawai on February 3.

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